



SCOTT MEETS OBREGON FOR FINAL PARLEY

Washington Awaits Mexican Offer—Militia Told to Make Ready

PRESIDENT IMPATIENT

Wilson Tired of Carranza Obstinacy—Americans Ordered From Troubled Zone

General Scott, United States Chief of Staff, and General Obregon, Mexican Minister of War, went into a conference at 10 o'clock this morning that may result in agreement and may result in a break between Mexico and the United States.

The chief fear was that the proposal would include a demand for the withdrawal of United States troops from Mexico and abandonment of the punitive expedition that was started following the Villa raid on Columbus, N. M.

Washington reported the President out of patience with Carranza and determined not to abandon the expedition until Villa should be killed or captured.

United States cavalry from Marathon, Tex., followed civilian posses that already had crossed the border to hunt down the raiders that attacked Glen Springs, killing several American soldiers and civilians and kidnapping several civilians.

Secretary of War Baker has ordered the entire National Guard to hold itself in readiness for orders to duty in the Mexican border.

Texas was reported raising three additional militia regiments for border service.

EL PASO, Tex., May 11.—General Obregon called on Chief of Staff General Scott at 10 o'clock today for a conference in which he was expected to submit formally his co-operative border plan.

Though General Funston declined to comment on the reported abandonment of the expeditionary line beyond Colonia Dublan, he here believed the move is under way at Funston's office. The general has decided not to visit the Columbus base at this time, but will go direct to San Antonio as soon as General Scott releases him from active connection with the international negotiations here.

As the proposal involves a question which General Scott is powerless to decide, the punitive expedition's withdrawal there was possibility of the entire negotiations being transferred to Washington for adjustment by the State Department.

Despite the increased tension along the border, there was still a prospect of peace settlement. Friction, however, between military forces has reached the danger point, and officials believe peace will be hard to maintain unless a settlement is speedily reached.

General Carranza is blocking adjustment on the plan to which Scott and Obregon tentatively agreed on behalf of their Governments in the second conference.

The succeeding meetings have found Carranza on the ground with the contentions have been rejected by General Scott. Carranza, however, has stood throughout on his demand that a time limit be set on the stay of the expedition in Mexico and this point is presented in new form in the joint proposal.

The following things were happening today when the parley began:

TROOP MOVEMENTS

Units of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico are being moved to concentration camps, to be assigned to border patrol duty.

General Funston asked the War Department for permission to mount 2000 infantrymen to assist in guarding the 200-mile line.

General Pershing contracted his line to 100 miles with Colonia Dublan as the northern base.

Nearly 5000 regular troops, including mounted and field artillery and infantry, started for the border.

American cavalrymen of the 8th and 10th Regiments crossed the border of the Texas Big Bend country in search of the Green Springs raiders.

The concentration of the army in northern Texas is reported to be complete.

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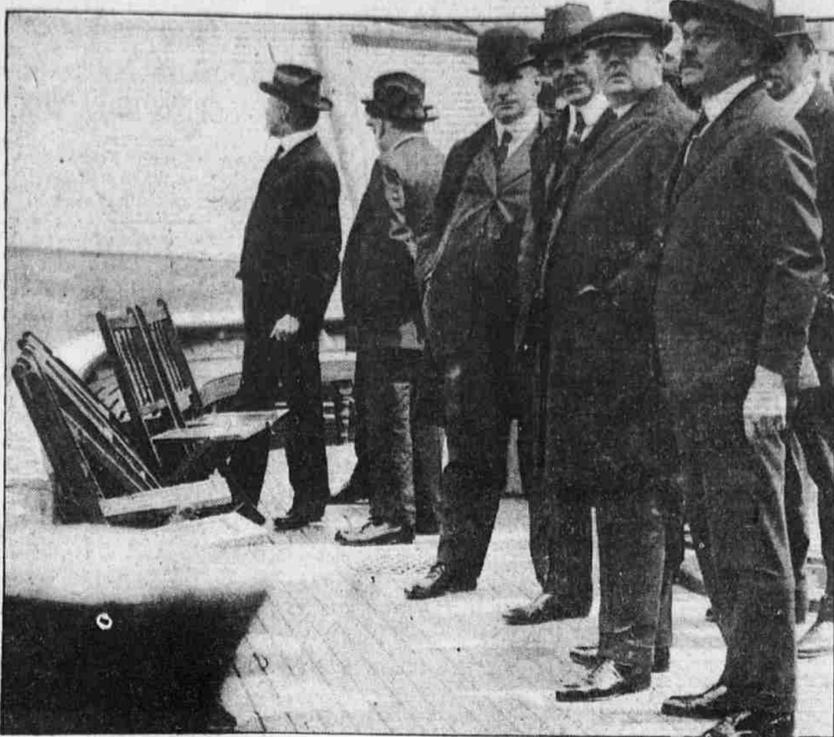
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MAYOR SMITH INSPECTS CITY'S WHARVES AND DOCKS



City officials today inspected Philadelphia's waterfront to determine how the money authorized for the improvement of the port of Philadelphia in the loan bill to be voted upon Tuesday might best be spent.

MAYOR TALKS ABOUT PORT DEVELOPMENT ITEMS IN LOAN BILL

Heads River Front Inspecting Party and Explains Need of New Provisions for Expansion

NEED OF MORE PIERS

Inspection of the city's harbor facilities today by Mayor Smith, members of his Cabinet and business men afforded opportunity to the Mayor to inform the members of the party just how it is proposed to expend the \$1,300,000 provided in the new loan bill for port and harbor development.

Declaring that the city and her interests are facing an increasing demand for commercial expansion, the Mayor branded the present as the most encouraging period in the history of the port.

"Our present facilities are good," he said, "but they are being taxed, and that strain will grow worse. You have seen more vessels loading and unloading than have ever been in this port at any one time before. All the municipal piers and all the bulkhead frontage are in use, and if the new pier which is now being constructed at McKean street, the first of the Moyamensing group, were completed, there is no doubt that it would at once be leased, for it is located in a district of the city destined to become the great industrial section."

The Mayor then noted the revival of the shipbuilding industry, the river-front plants operating to capacity on orders booked for years ahead, and expressed hope that the railroads entering the city would provide additional needed grain elevator capacity.

"The expenditure of the \$12,300,000, which will be made available in the two loan bills for the expansion and improvement of the harbor," he said, "will give the necessary accommodations for business, and will be greatly appreciated by the shippers and buyers, as it will relieve the burden and cost of congestion and delay and will do much to aid the city in maintaining its position as one of the leading ports on the Atlantic seaboard."

"I cannot, or at least I do not care to, imagine the deterrent effect upon the progress of the city if this money is not immediately made available by the approval of the pending loan bills. A delay might prove disastrous, for much commerce has been created both by the conditions brought about by the unfortunate war abroad and by the opening of the Panama Canal. Unless the city of Philadelphia takes immediate steps to secure this business it will pass to other competitive ports and will never be regained."

The Mayor then dissected the port and grade crossing items of the pending loans, and explained the bearing upon the port of the purchase from the Pennsylvania Railroad of the Greenwich Point coal terminal and the Snyder avenue pier site now owned by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. For these purchases the sum of \$2,300,000 is set aside in the loan measure.

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TRANSIT PLEAS BY CITY LEADERS AT GREAT RALLY

Ex-Director Taylor, Mayor Smith and Cabinet Chiefs All Argue for Loans

OVERFLOW MEETINGS

Transit Rallies to Hear Mayor and Taylor Speak

Logan Improvement League, Broad street and Windrim avenue. Former Director Taylor and probably Mayor Smith to speak. Public.

TOMORROW AFTERNOON Business Science Club luncheon, St. James Hotel, 12:30 p. m. Ex-Director Taylor to speak.

A ringing appeal to the loyal citizenry of Philadelphia to fight for the progress and development of their city and to overthrow the obstructionists, who are seeking to throttle the municipality's advancement for their own selfish interests, was sounded this afternoon by Mayor Smith, former Transit Director Taylor and other prominent men, at a public mass-meeting in Common Council Chamber, City Hall.

The mass meeting, held under the direction of the All-Philadelphia Committee, which went to Harrisburg in the city's interest in 1915, was called to crystallize public sentiment in favor of the \$27,000,000 transit and port loan bill, and the \$47,000,000 general improvement loan bill to be voted upon at the polls next Tuesday.

With Common Council chamber crowded to overflowing, arrangements were made for simultaneous overflow meetings in Select Council chamber and in the Finance Committee room. E. J. Lafferty, chairman.

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FRENCH AIR HERO CHALLENGES FOES' SUPERHAWK TO WORLD TITLE DUEL

Allied Aviators Waiting Impatiently for Combat Between Lieutenants Navarre and Immelman

Young Flyer Informs German He Intends to Add His Machine to His Trophies

PARIS, May 11.—Lieutenant Navarre, France's 21-year-old air hero, has dropped a second manifesto behind the German lines, challenging Lieutenant Immelman, the superhawk of Germany, to an air duel for the championship of the world.

The German flyer, credited with bringing down 15 enemy aeroplanes, ignored the first challenge dropped from the sky a month ago. Navarre, who has 14 air victories to his credit, informed Immelman in his second message that he intends to make his aeroplane the 15th shot down.

Allied aviators all along the western front are awaiting with intense interest the outcome of the challenge.

Navarre, a smooth-faced French youth, has fought more than 50 air fights through such maneuvers he wore wrapped about his neck a silk stocking given him by a French beauty for good luck.

Navarre's methods of fighting are entirely different from those of Lieutenant

HOUSE MEASURE ASKS CONGRESS TO SUMMON PEACE CONFERENCE

Resolution Provides for Convocation of Assembly Composed of Belligerents and Latin Republics

KAISER SOUNDS WILSON

WASHINGTON, May 11.—A resolution directing Congress to call a peace conference of the European belligerents at The Hague, with the Republics of Argentina, Brazil and Chili, as well as the United States, participating, was introduced today in the House by Representative Green, of Iowa.

Twenty days after the acceptance of the invitation by three of the belligerents the conference shall be called to arrange peace acceptable to all, the resolution provides. It was referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

ROME, May 11.—Though no information is obtainable from the Vatican, it is generally reported in Rome that Pope Benedict, through Mgr. Bonzano, apostolic delegate to Washington, has requested President Wilson to initiate a movement for peace.

It is rumored here that France alone of all the belligerents is not now inclined to make peace.

The above cablegram from Rome was transmitted through Havre and

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PROTHONOTARY QUILTS ON PROBERS' CHARGE OF \$6000 SHORTAGE

Montgomery Official Resigns at Demand of Controller and County Commissioner Before Inquiry Ends

EXONERATES HIS AIDES

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 11.—Prothonotary S. B. Drake resigned today upon demand of County Controller William D. Hebner, supported by the County Commissioners. The amount of the money Drake received as prothonotary and failed to account for is between \$6000 and \$10,000, the controller's office said.

His resignation follows: To the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Controller of Montgomery County, the Commissioners of the County of Montgomery, Pennsylvania: I hereby resign my office of Prothonotary, SYLVESTER B. DRAKE.

The County Commissioners directed that a minute be made of the resignation, and that it be transmitted to the Governor.

The principal deputy, E. C. A. Mayer, becomes prothonotary, and will retain the office until the Governor appoints Mr. Drake's successor.

Mr. Drake issued a statement to the effect that he had sole charge of the accounts of the office, thus acquitting his deputies, E. C. A. Mayer and William C. Irvin, of all knowledge of or liability for any condition found to exist in the accounts.

The demand for resignation was made by the Controller, because, after careful consideration, he felt that the proof of the Prothonotary's culpability was so clear that it was useless to await a full report before demanding that he vacate "his office."

ASK MANDAMUS TO KEEP POLICE OUT OF POLITICS

Writ May Be Served Against Mayor Smith This Afternoon

PENROSE-McNICHOL PLAN

Phila. Republican League Also Urges All City Employees Be Barred

Who Is Bringing Suit Against Mayor?

"Charley" Seger — "I know nothing about it. The first I knew of it was when I read it in the newspapers."

Harry J. Trainer — "We know nothing about it. The Philadelphia Republican League is not behind it."

George D. Porter — "I know absolutely nothing about it. The Citizens' Republican League is not bringing the suit."

State Senator McNichol — "The Porter bunch is behind it."

Henry J. Severy — "This is not part of the factional fight. I am taking the action at the request of three citizens. One of them is named Miller, I believe; another Smith and the third is a Pole, whose name I can't remember."

County Commissioner Robert J. Moore — "Mr. Scott represents the 4th Ward as well as the 3d and 7th."

A writ of alternative mandamus, demanding that Mayor Smith take the police and all other city employees out of politics, will be filed against the city's chief executive in Common Pleas Court No. 1 this afternoon, it was reported today.

The papers, which will be filed by the Penrose-McNichol organization through the Philadelphia Republican League, are being prepared by Henry J. Scott and Select Councilman Henry J. Trainer and Charles Seger, Penrose leaders. They will be approved by District Attorney Samuel P. Rotan before they can be filed in the court.

George D. Porter, secretary of the Citizens' Republican League, denied all responsibility for the action against the Mayor.

"I know absolutely nothing about it," he said. "I can tell you this. The Citizens' Republican League is not bringing the suit."

The Shern law, which prohibits city officeholders and employees from taking part in politics, is the basis of the writ. The action today is the result of long contemplation on the part of the Penrose forces and is being taken in spite of the Mayor's reiterated assertions that the police are, and must remain, out of politics.

The writ asks that the Mayor be instructed to "dismiss any city employee who is found guilty of obnoxious and pernicious political activity."

Alleged political work done by Police Lieutenant John Echtermeyer, of the 2d and Christian streets station, in the 4th Ward, and by Police Lieutenant John Huster, of the Frankford station, are particularly mentioned in the writ, which also demands that all city employees be included in the order to cease political activity.

These two police officers and their subordinates have been the subject of representations made to the Mayor, County Commissioner Robert J. Moore, Penrose-McNichol leader of the 4th Ward, complained that Lieutenant Echtermeyer was active in his ward in the interests of the Vares.

The charges against today's action were those between former Judge James Gay Gordon, believed to have been representing the Philadelphia Republican League, and District Attorney Rotan; between John C. Winston, chairman of the

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The examination is progressing, but the examiners are unable to make any report with positiveness.

QUICK NEWS

SPY SUSPECT SHOT AT PORTSMOUTH NAVY YARD

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 11.—A supposed spy, who leaped into the river at the navy yard today when discovered by a guard, was shot and sank from sight. Navy men are dragging for his body. Officials at the navy yard believe that an attempt was made to damage the United States submarine L-8 or at least to obtain information concerning it.

BRITISH TAKE U. S. MAIL FROM TWO SHIPS

BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, May 11.—British authorities at Kirkwall took off the steamships Helligolaf and Christianafjord all the first-class mail from the United States, said Copenhagen dispatches today.

PIMLICO RACING RESULTS

First race, 2-year-olds, selling, 4 1/2 furlongs—Manokin, 112, Tapla, \$6.50, \$4.10 and \$3. won; Lucile P., 99, Anderson, \$12.40 and \$6.80, second; Conowingo, 109, Keogh, \$5.70, third. Time, :55 3/5. Lobelia Buddy, Queen of the Sea, Golden Bantam and Chemung also ran.

SAFE BLOWN AND ROBBED OF \$10,000 IN GOLD

RANSBURG, Cal., May 11.—Robbers today dynamited the safe of the Illingsworth Supply Company here and escaped with \$10,000 in gold and several thousands of dollars in checks. The gold had been brought here to pay off the laborers at the Yellow Aster mine. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

NEGRO HELD FOR ALLEGED THEFT OF PANSIES

"Three hundred dollars bail for court" was the judgment pronounced against Arthur Harkins, a negro, accused of stealing three pansies, today when he faced Magistrate Stevenson at the 39th street and Lancaster avenue station. E. F. Owings, of 35 North 34th street, said that Harkins, who does odd jobs, took the flowers from his garden. Owings saw the pansies growing in the front of a house on Lancaster avenue where Harkins was working. He declared they were his pansies because they were yellow in the middle. The negro smiled during the hearing and refused to talk. He lives at 51 Budd street.

LI YUAN HUNG PROCLAIMED PRESIDENT BY REBELS

PEKIN, May 11.—Li Yuan Hung has been proclaimed President of the southern provisional government formed by the Chinese rebels. A War Cabinet has also been formed, with Tang Chi-Yao as chairman and Tsen Chuan-Hsuan as vice chairman.

GERARD'S SECRETARY TO RETURN HOME

BERLIN, May 11.—It was announced today that P. C. Grew, secretary of the American Embassy, would soon leave Berlin for New York to attend to his private business, his father having died recently.

(A cable dispatch from London last night carried a statement from the Amsterdam correspondent of the London Daily Express quoting Berlin advices as saying Mr. Grew would report to President Wilson on the recent conference between Ambassador Gerard and Emperor William.)

AUTO PARTS MAKERS IN \$60,000,000 COMBINATION

NEW YORK, May 11.—A combination of manufacturers of automobile parts and accessories has been agreed upon and the details are being worked out. A financial syndicate has been formed to underwrite the combination. The following companies will form the new concern: New Departure Company, of Boston; the Hyatt Company, of Harrison, N. J.; the Delco Company, Michigan; the Reamy Department, of Indiana; the Pearlman Rim Company, of Jackson, Mich. The new combination will have a capital of \$60,000,000.

5000 IRONWORKERS ON STRIKE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 11.—Five thousand iron workers went on strike in New York city today. The men demand higher wages, shorter hours and recognition of their union. The strike is expected to spread. Another firm may do to the garment workers today and 125 strikers went back to work. Union officials expect more manufacturers to comply with the workers' demands.

TURKISH ARMEN SHELL PORT SAID DRYDOCK

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 11.—Turkish aeroplanes successfully bombed Port Said, the Turkish War Office announced in the statement issued today, which says: "Two Turkish aeroplanes, on April 25, successfully bombed the drydock and oil tanks at Port Said."

\$5,646,341.86 IN CITY TREASURY

The weekly statement of City Treasurer William McCoach shows that the receipts amounted to \$492,517.37 and the payments to \$590,137.72, which, with the sum on hand at the close of last week, not including the Sinking Fund account, left a balance of \$5,646,341.86 at the close of business last night.

STORM SWEEPS SULU ISLANDS; 16 DROWNED

MANILA, May 11.—A great storm has swept over the Sulu Islands, destroying many buildings. Four pearl-fishing vessels were sunk and 16 persons drowned.

COLORADO FUEL AND IRON INCREASES WAGES

DENVER, May 11.—An average increase of 10 per cent. in the wages of the 5000 employes in the steel mills at Pueblo, Col., has been made by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, as of May 1, according to an announcement of the company's officials here. An increase of the same amount was made in February.

BRITISH MINERS OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION

LONDON, May 11.—The British Miners' Federation today adopted resolutions opposing the "spirit of conscription." The miners served notice that they will "vigilantly scrutinize" any extension of conscription. The resolutions particularly protested against the drafting of youths of 18.

FRENCH BALLOONS BLOWN 300 MILES INTO GERMANY

BERLIN, May 11.—Two of the French balloons which broke from their moorings in the French line in France last Saturday landed near Hanover. One was manned by a crew of three soldiers, apparently officers, who have not yet been captured. The French official report Saturday said that about 20 captive balloons had broken from their moorings during a storm and that some of them had been carried to the German lines. The city of Hanover is more than 300 miles from the nearest point on the French line.

BRISK ARTILLERY FIRE ON MACEDONIA FRONT

ATHENS, May 11.—The firing on the Anglo-French front in northern Greece was reported in dispatches received here today. The Bulgarians are bringing up fresh forces south of Monastir and throwing up strong defensive positions. The Bulgarian commanders evidently expect an attack from Allied forces concentrated near Florina.

THE WEATHER

There is a certain large industrial establishment in this city, in front of which there is parked an army of automobiles. There are other buildings in that street which could possibly account for the presence of the motorcars. It looks suspiciously like the automobiles for the property of the workmen inside.

The men on this to write large checks for the day's work. These men are Mr. Briggs says. Six-cylinder touring cars, roadsters, etc.

This can't anything to do with the weather, except that these have been about night for automobiles.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and cooler tonight and Friday; moderate west winds.

LOST AND FOUND

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